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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJECT: NCAP - OPERATION FUNNEL

1. GROOM WILL RELEASE SECOND TRANCHE OF HOST COUNTRY FUNDS DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20. DIFFICULTY IN ANALYZING FULL FUNDING NEEDS AT THIS EARLY STAGE DICTATES RELEASE OF FULL TRANCHE WITH SOME MODIFICATION AS TO DIRECTION OF EXPENDITURES.

2. THE DELAY IN DELIVERY OF TRUCKS AND BOATS TO PERU OCCASSIONED BY A SERIES OF MISHAPS AND MISTAKES ON THE PART OF THE CARRIER HAS IMPEDED PERUVIAN ACTION PLANS AND REQUIRED THE RENTAL OF VEHICLES AND OF AIR TRANSPORT OF TEAMS TO THE FIELD. AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000 MUST BE SPENT FOR INSURANCE COSTS TO OBTAIN EARLIEST AVAILABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT AS DISCUSSED IN GROOM-NICHOLSEN FONECON OF SEPTEMBER 17.

3. THE TRUCKS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM CHILE, WHERE THEY WERE OFF-LOADED, ON SEPTEMBER 23. THE BOATS AND MOTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN LIMA WILL BE FLOWN TO IQUITOS FOR FINAL ASSEMBLY, HOPEFULLY DURING THE WEEK OF THE 20TH.

4. LEASE OF AIRCRAFT FOR PERU ACCOMPLISHED AT RATE OF \$21,500 PER MONTH PLUS PER DIEM FOR A PILOT AND MECHANIC WHEN AWAY FROM BASE  
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AT IQUITOS. ESTIMATE TOTAL COST AT \$23,000 PER MONTH MAXIMUM.

THIS IS FOR 150 ACTUAL FLYING HOURS AND GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY OF PORTER STOL AIRCRAFT IN BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND FLOAT PLANE CONFIGURATION. THE AIRCRAFT ARE LEASED, MAINTAINED AND FLOWN BY THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE. UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF UTILIZATION OF AIRCRAFT FOR FULL CAMPAIGN WILL JUSTIFY COST. THERE IS A POSITIVE NEED AND USE FOR THE AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME.

5. AS INDICATED IN DEA SEPTELS THERE HAVE BEEN EARLY RESULTS IN PERU AND ECUADOR ATTRIBUTABLE TO BOTH INTERDICTION AND INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS. SINCE THE OPERATION IS EFFECTIVELY LESS THAN THREE WEEKS ALONG THE RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING.

6. AFTER COORDINATION VISITS TO CARACAS, BOGOTA AND LIMA, A FIELD TRIP WAS MADE TO QUITOS, RAMON CASTILLA ACROSS THE RIVER FROM LETICIA, TINGO MARIA AND PUCALLPA. MORALE AND DEDICATION ARE HIGH IN SPITE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS. THE TEAMS ARE USEFULLY AND ACTIVELY EMPLOYED AND ACHIEVING RESULTS BOTH OPERATIONALLY AND IN THE AREA OF INTELLIGENCE GATHERING. REPORTS FROM THE TUMBES AREA INDICATE A GOOD LIAISON BETWEEN ECUADOR AND PERU ON THE BORDER. PIP TELECOM TECHNICIANS ARE ACTIVE IN RESOLVING COMMO PROBLEMS AND EQUIPMENT DIFFICULTIES ARE BEING SOLVED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.  
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